

Burrishoole Parish

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September 13th

September 13th. The date rang a bell but I was unsure why. Quickly I ran through family birthdays and anniversaries but no, it wasn't a family occasion to be remembered. Nor was it the 'expected delivery' date for anything ordered via the internet. Yet, September 13th certainly rang a bell.

Finally, it came to me. September 13th, 1981 was the date I entered the seminary in Maynooth. 41 years ago on that date I joined 77 first year students, all beginning their studies for the priesthood. Looking back it seems like a different world but my memories of the day are still crystal clear.

The night before, neighbours and family friends had called to wish me luck, even two classmates from boarding school called and gave me an engraved silver tankard to mark the occasion.

September 13th, 1981 was a Sunday, so after Mass and the traditional Sunday family fry, with my suitcase packed away safely in the boot of the car I sat in behind my parents and we headed for Maynooth.

When we arrived Maynooth was a hive of activity with people milling around and families politely greeting each other from a distance. After registering I was shown to the room I would be sharing with a fellow student from the Tuam diocese. I had known my roommate in St Jarlath's and we were already close friends so whatever unease and anxiety we may have had quickly faded. In fact, of the five students who entered the seminary that day for our diocese three were from the same school.

Even though I had been in boarding school for the previous five years I distinctly remember saying goodbye to my parents, and although I had just turned seventeen, I somehow knew in that moment that that particular goodbye was different for all the other goodbyes we had said over the years. I also remember been struck by the variety of accents of my new classmates as I, for the first time met lads from Donegal to Cork and from Wicklow to Clare. Life in the Seminary was not much different than the life I had experienced in boarding school.

Although the food was considerably better and we enjoyed relatively greater freedom, seminary life for many of us was just an extension of secondary school.

Of the 77 young men (boys?) who started seminary with me on that day most were just out of secondary school. We didn't feel that we were being particularly courageous or taking a big step. In those days going to seminary wasn't unusual or exceptional. I for example already knew at least 3 or 4 seminarians ahead of me. In fact going to seminary at that time carried with it a certain respect and esteem.

I spent seven years in Maynooth studying for the priesthood. Over the years many of those who started out with me chose to follow other paths of life. When anyone left it was always a moment of reflection for those who continued. But with God's grace almost 40 of that initial 77 were ordained. Of the five who entered from our diocese three were ordained, each of whom still minister as priests. My first-year roommate left after five years but I am proud to say that we remain the greatest of friends. September 13th that's a date that rings a bell!

God Bless, Fr Tod

Parish First Communion/Confirmation

First Communion will be celebrated in Newport on Sunday April 23rd and will be celebrated in Mulranny on Sunday May 7th. A meeting of parents whose children will make their First Communion in Newport Church will take place in the Oratory, Newport on Tuesday Oct 4th at 7pm with the meeting for Mulranny parents taking place in Mulranny Church on Thursday Oct 6th at 7pm.

Archbishop Duffy will confirm the children of 5th and 6th classes from our parish on Saturday May 13th.

Good News Club

The Good News Club for children aged from 4 years old to First Class will begin again in October. A short meeting of parents who are willing to be involved will be held on Monday Sept 26th at 7pm in the Oratory, Newport and on Thursday Sept 29th at 7pm in Mulranny Church.

Mulranny Mass Weekend Oct 1st/2nd

On Sunday Oct 2nd at a ceremony at Tuam Cathedral Archbishop Francis Duffy will formerly be installed as Archbishop of Tuam when the Archbishop of Armagh imposes the 'Pallium' on him. Fr Tod will be in attendance. Mass in Mulranny next weekend will be celebrated on Saturday evening Oct 1st at 8pm.

Newport Baptisms

From Oct 1st, and for the winter months, Baptisms in Newport will take place in the Oratory. While reducing heating and lighting costs this change will also provide a more intimate environment for families celebrating this important milestone.

Altar Servers

Thanks to the 60+ boys and girls who have volunteered. New rotas will be available next week.

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Tues 5-6pm and every Thurs 8-10pm in the Oratory, Newport. All are welcome.

Coffee Afternoon at St Brendan's

St. Brendan's Nursing Home is holding a coffee afternoon in aid of Mayo/Roscommon Hospice on Friday, Sept 30th from 2 to 4pm. The event is being hosted by the staff and residents and all are invited to come along and support this worthy cause.

Mulranny Whist Returns

Mulranny Whist are delighted to announce their comeback on Thursday, September 29th in McLoughlin's Bar at 8pm. Everyone is welcome including beginners who will be facilitated with lessons. Looking forward to meeting everyone

Newport Historical Society Presentation

As part of the Newport 300 Celebrations, a talk will be held on Tues, 4 October at 7pm in Hotel Newport. The presentation is entitled "Helen Hooker O'Malley: Capturing Mayo in Photographs, 1938-1945" and will be given by her son Cormac. €5 door charge includes coffee/tea.

Kilbride Cemetery

Thank you to all who attended the Kilbride Cemetery Mass on August 3 for the generous donations given at the Mass. This was the first collection for two years due to the pandemic and the funds were badly needed. The response will ensure the cemetery can cover the cost of grass cutting and general maintenance this year

Tá Scór Sinsir ar ais

Scór is an important element of the GAA and very much alive in our Burrishoole club and county. If you are 17 or over and would like to represent your club please contact Caroline at 086 8597550 or email scor.mayo@gaa.ie. Entries must be submitted by Thursday, September 29.

Changing Banks

With Ulster Bank leaving the market we have had to switch our Parish Church Account to AIB. The process of switching will be done over a number of months and during that time both accounts will be active. The parish will contact all parishioners who contribute to the weekly collections via Direct Debit to advise them of the change. New account details: Name; Burrishoole Parish. Iban IE23AIBK93716943416098

Remembering our Dead

We pray for the soul of Celia Smith, England and late of Furnace, sister of Bridie Chambers, Letterlough. May she rest in peace

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses 10am

Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri/Mulranny
The People of the Parish

Weekend Masses

Saturday Sept 24th Tiernaur at 7pm.

Pat and Nora Mc Loughlin and deceased family members, Sandhill. Oliver and Mabel Moran, Sandhill. Thomas and Christina Cusack

Sunday Sept 25th Newport at 10am:

Helen Kilroy, (1st Ann) and her husband Eddie Quay Rd. Michael Reid (1st Ann), London and Newport and granddaughter Hollie Boyne. Oliver Murray Skirdagh. Paddy Tresnan, Derrada. Michael Kearns, Quay Rd and deceased members of the McLoughlin, Kearns and Connolly families.

Sunday Sept 25th Mulranny at 11.30am:

Tom Mulloy, Mulranny. Romualdas Ziska,

Saturday Oct 1st Tiernaur at 7pm:

Nora O Grady (Months Mind) and her husband Dominick (1st Ann), Shraloggy. Una Moran, (Months Mind) Rosgalive. Tom Hanley Mulranny and deceased family members.

Sunday Oct 2nd Newport at 10am:

Mary Mc Tighe, (Months Mind) Newport. Michael McIntyre, Derrycoultrim. Paddy McIntyre, Acres.

* Saturday Oct 1st* Mulranny at 8pm:

Maggie and Mick McLoughlin and deceased family members. Ned Carolan and deceased family members. JJ Fitzpatrick, Mulranny. Tim Nealon